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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 8 April 1960

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - March 1960

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1. [] was awarded the Intelligence Medal of Merit by the DCI on 30 March for the speed and efficiency with which he organized the field service. He was the first FDD officer to receive this award.

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2. We were informed on 24 March that adequate third-floor space in the Matomic Building would be available for FDD's required move from [] Building. The area was surveyed and accepted by the Division the next day in lieu of the previously considered Arlington Towers site.

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4. A draft of an implementation plan for ASDIC was reviewed informally by Chief, FDD, with Major Seymour Kravitz of the Joint Interrogation Planning Committee, on 16 March. The draft will be submitted to the Planning Committee for consideration at its 19 April meeting.

5. All members attending the 20th meeting of the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications, 18 March, expressed satisfaction with the current Far East program and recommended no major changes. The Chairman reported on the latest demonstrations and developments in machine translation.

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6. An estimate of the over-all annual translation service required by all USIB components has been coordinated by Chief, FDD, and turned over to the Planning Research Corporation for its study being made on behalf of [redacted] machine translation needs.

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7. About FDD reports and reporting

A trial issue of Review of Communist Theoretical Journals was distributed on a restricted basis for evaluation. This report was initiated at the instigation of Propaganda Division/Covert Action Staff/DDP. As the month ended sufficient enthusiasm for the publication had been evidenced to warrant full publication and dissemination

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General information on North Korea during 12 years following World War II is covered in Basic Political Data on North Korea, FDD Translation No. 739. The information was prepared by the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency.

ORR says another of our reports "exactly fits its needs" as groundwork for projects. This is the USSR Electronic and Precision Equipment Manufacturers (2), -- Plants of the USSR Instrument-Making Industry, FDD Summary No. 2513.

At the request of Army and other services, the military personalities items formerly published as a section in the Military Report on Eastern Europe, are now being produced on 5x8 cards on a biweekly schedule.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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